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# NATIONAL PARKS OFFICIAL BECOMES ENTHUSIASTIC BOOSTER FOR HAWAII

Miss Edna Peltz to Compile Report Descriptive of Kilauea's Wonders

That preventive action should be taken immediately to stop the gathering of silver sword from the crater of Haleakala, because if it is not done it will soon become extinct, is the declaration of Miss Edna Peltz, secretary to Robert S. Yard of the bureau of National parks in Washington. Miss Peltz, with her traveling companion, Miss Agnes Andrae, has just returned from a 9-day tour of the Hawaii National park, consisting of portions of Haleakala, Mauna Loa and Kilauea.

"It is part of the work of the park bureau to preserve rare things and I was impressed with the thought that some action should be taken to make it illegal to gather the silver sword. Certainly, anything of such rareness and beauty as the silver sword should be preserved. If some such action is not taken it is certain it soon will become extinct."

**Brilliant Hawaiian Keynote**

"Brilliance is the keynote of everything Hawaiian," is the way Miss Peltz sums up her impressions of her islands' visit. "Every tree, every plant, seems to bear some delicious fruit, or be dressed with beautiful leaves or flowers," she added.

Miss Andrae then interposed with a remark regarding the island residents: "But the people also are delightful. They treat one with such sincere graciousness. I shall never forget the delight I experienced when a Hawaiian man and his wife presented us with gorgeous leis the morning we were returning from the summit of Haleakala." Then as an afterthought, she said: "They had never seen us until the previous day."

On their trip to the Haleakala summit the two women had the good fortune to witness a brilliant sunset, but mist interfered with their view of the rising sun the following morning. However, both were highly pleased.

with the distant views gained from the summit. "The view seems to change with every step during the climb of the mountain," Miss Peltz remarked.

Although neither said so in so many words, they seemed to think it rather an interesting adventure that they had climbed the big Maui mountain and remained at the summit over night with only a Japanese cowboy as a guide and escort.

About their visit to the Kilauea volcano the visitors were enthusiastic. "It is beyond all conception," Miss Peltz said. She declared that her impression in advance of the active crater was gained from seeing a moving picture in the states—"but in that one gained no idea that the lava lake was constantly undergoing changes. We watched the lava for three hours and would have remained all night if it had been possible."

**Will Report on Park**

Miss Peltz will compile a report regarding the Hawaii National park area for publication in the National Park Information Circular. This circular is issued annually by the National Park Service and contains descriptions of all the national parks of the United States, with full descriptions of what is to be seen for the information of tourists.

While here Miss Peltz has had a conference with Governor L. E. Pinkham in reference to the Hawaii National park, and she is to secure 700 feet of moving picture film from the Hawaii Promotion committee which will be included with other films used by her chief, Robert S. Yard, in giving lectures about the national parks of this country.

Miss Peltz and Miss Andrae will leave on the Maui for the mainland after having spent three weeks here. Both declare they will be active boosters for travel to Hawaii. "Some of our friends thought we were foolish to risk the dangers of being submerged by coming here. We know how foolish it is to fear any such danger in the Pacific, and will so inform our friends," they said.

# WANTS PROBE OF CITY PURCHASING

Criticism of the city purchasing office with a suggestion that it be investigated on the ground it was not giving satisfaction from a public standpoint, was made Monday night by Charles Bellina, chairman of the committee of the board of supervisors.

"I understand that the firms who enter tenders to supply the city with material are not getting all the orders or work which accounts for the few bids just filed," said Bellina. "I would suggest that the matter be looked into."

The matter was referred to the finance committee.

# BOOTLEGGER IS GIVEN THREE MONTHS IN JAIL

W. H. Hutton and Jack Roberts, license inspectors, made their ninth arrest of keepers of blind pigs at the corner of Liliha and Vineyard streets Sunday. The last victim was Esalas Gusman, who was given a sentence of three months' imprisonment by Judge Harry Irwin this morning. Maria and Pablo Calasa, who were arrested in the same tenement, demanded a jury trial and were bound over to the grand jury.

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# BERETANIA BIDS ARE AUTHORIZED

A call for bids for the paving of Beretania street from Alapai to Punahou with concrete was authorized Monday night by the board of supervisors following adoption of the city engineer's final report and specifications.

The cost of this improvement was originally estimated at approximately \$111,000, but since then the cost of labor and material has been greatly increased, and it is anticipated that the bids will be higher than that figure. Because the public hearing has been held the city and county will have to pay the difference. No bid, however, will be accepted if it is excessively high, declares the board.

# CITY BUSINESS AND SUPERVISORS' NOTES

A \$25 item on the appropriation was argued for at least 10 minutes Monday night, only to find at the end of that time that it was the wrong item.

E. A. Mott-Smith asked the road committee if something could be done to repair the roads leading to the Queen's hospital and to the Children's hospital.

A request was made to the attorney's office for an opinion on how Judge Ashford's decision on the workmen's compensation act affects the city and county.

The next meeting of the board will be held Thursday evening, July 12, at 7:30 o'clock. The principal business will be the assessment hearing on the extension and paving of Smith street.

The board ordered the county clerk to advertise at once for bids for the 1918 automobile plates in order that they may be here before the first of next year. It was also announced that the sheriff and the city treasurer are working on a plan to have the plates for 1918 similar to those of California where the plates are kept but the inscription on them changed.

Charles H. Bellina, chairman of the electric light committee, asked Ben Hollinger, chairman of the public buildings committee, to ascertain the ownership of the old incinerator near the Kakaako sewer pumping plant. Bellina said the site was the most adaptable one for the new proposed electric warehouse and repair shop and the department would like to acquire it as it has been vacant for ten years.

# END OF CAR LINE MECCA FOR HOMELESS PUSSIES; HUMANE WORKERS OBJECT

(By Associated Press)

BERKELEY, Cal.—Officers of the local humane society have been asked to investigate the practice of persons riding to the terminal of a car line, there to dispose of cats that they no longer want. The result has been that residents in the neighborhood of the end of a car line are overriden with these homeless creatures. It is said that many persons get rid of the animals in this way for the reason that they are averse to having them killed.

"If persons realize what misery they inflicted on their animals by this practice, they would not do it," said a humane officer. "A painless and humane death as against disease and starvation."

# PRINCE ADOLPH WOUNDED

AMSTERDAM.—The German newspapers announce that Prince Adolph, brother-in-law of the German emperor, has been seriously wounded in the head by a shell-splinter.

# McCANDLESS TO TAKE FRONTAGE TAX TO COURT

L. L. ("Link") McCandless declares he is not going to pay the assessment now due on improvements to his property on Beretania street under the frontage tax law. If an attempt is made to sell his property he will take the matter to the courts.

This, in effect, was his statement when asked if he was going to take any action in regard to a letter sent him by D. L. Conkling, city treasurer, warning him that if the assessment is not paid by July 15 the property will be sold.

"I believe that we had a right to petition against that work," he said. "If Aala Park and Nuuanu stream had not been taken into consideration by the city, we would have had 70 or 80 per cent of the property owners in that locality opposed to the improvement. We think we had the necessary 55 per cent to protest, but the city brought in its own property frontage and defeated the protest."

"That road is of no benefit to me. I bought the property on the basis of a six per cent income to me for 25 years. It makes no difference to me if there is only a cow path through there."

"I'll certainly decline to pay the frontage tax. If the city starts to sell it I'll take the matter to court. But I don't think they can sell it."

# KAUAI JAPANESE FORM CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

Fifty young Japanese became charter members of the Kauai Japanese-American Citizens' association which was organized at Lihue, Kauai, on July 4.

M. W. Wataha, a student of the college of Hawaii who is spending the summer in Lihue, presided at the meeting.

Lloyd R. Killman, secretary of the Citizenship Education committee of the Y. M. C. A., delivered the principal address.

The following officers were elected: D. Takeuchi of Hanalei, president; T. Hamamoto of Lualaba, vice-president; S. Takatani of Koloa, secretary; and Harry Kodaguchi of Lihue, treasurer. Charles F. Loomis of the Kauai Y. M. C. A. will act as advisor to the organization.

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